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The **HUMAN TORCH** and the Ever-lovin' **THING**

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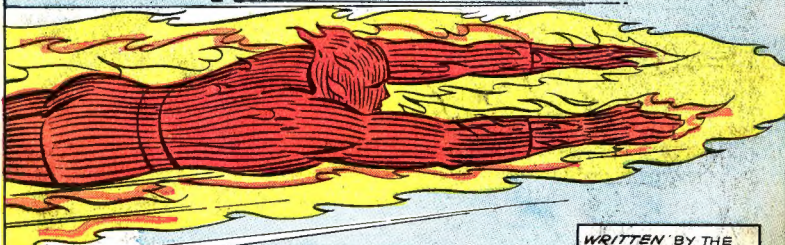
THE MYSTERY VILLAIN!

CAN
YOU
GUESS?

SURE, YOU'VE SEEN DRAG RACES BEFORE! BUT, WHEN THE FABULOUS **FANTASTIC FOUR** DO SOMETHING, THEY DO IT THE **HARD WAY**! HERE'S THE FIRST **AIRBORNE** DRAG-RACE ON RECORD!!!

WATCH YOURSELF, JOHNNY! YOU'RE USING TOO MUCH FLAME POWER! YOU'LL NEVER REACH THE FINISH LINE!

YOU'RE JUST SCARED I'M GONNA BEAT YOU, REED! WATCH MY SMOKE NOW!



HOW COME I ALWAYS GET STUCK WITH THE SLOWEST CRATE! LOSIN' A RACE CAN GIVE A SENSITIVE GUY LIKE ME A COMPLEX!

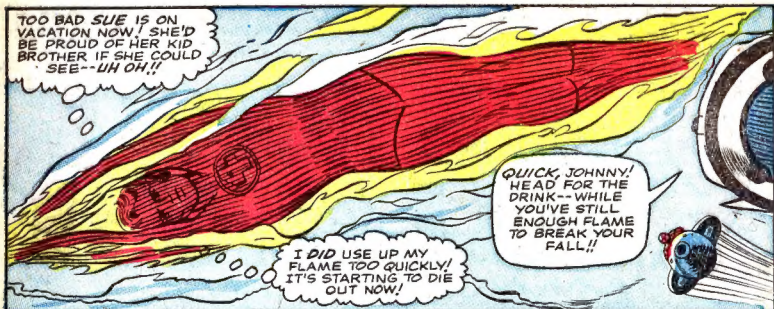


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ORIGINALITY...
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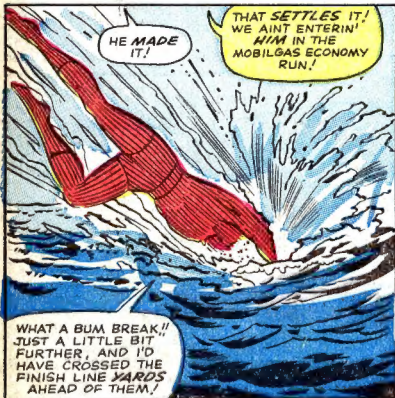
LETTERED BY THE
LAMA OF
LEXICOGRAPHY...
ART SIMEK



TOO BAD SUE IS ON VACATION NOW! SHE'D BE PROUD OF HER KID BROTHER IF SHE COULD SEE--UH OH!!

QUICK, JOHNNY! HEAD FOR THE DRINK--WHILE YOU'VE STILL ENOUGH FLAME TO BREAK YOUR FALL!!

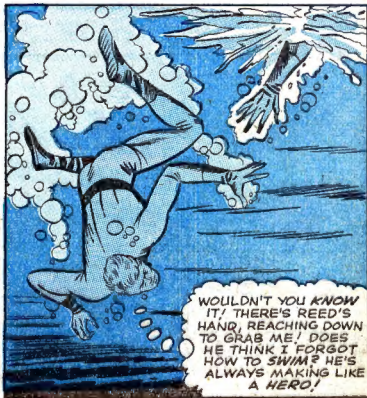
I DID USE UP MY FLAME TOO QUICKLY! IT'S STARTING TO DIE OUT NOW!



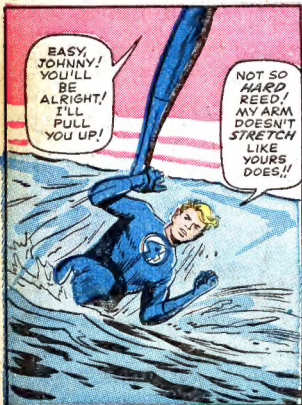
HE MADE IT!

THAT SETTLES IT! WE AINT ENTERIN' HIM IN THE MOBILGAS ECONOMY RUN!

WHAT A BUM BREAK!! JUST A LITTLE BIT FURTHER, AND I'D HAVE CROSSED THE FINISH LINE YARDS AHEAD OF THEM!

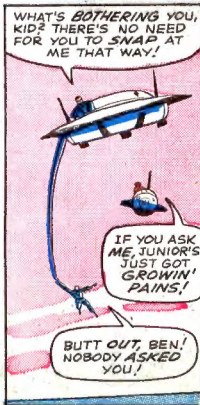


WOULDN'T YOU KNOW IT! THERE'S REED'S HAND, REACHING DOWN TO GRAB ME! DOES HE THINK I FORGOT HOW TO SWIM? HE'S ALWAYS MAKING LIKE A HERO!



EASY, JOHNNY! YOU'LL BE ALRIGHT! I'LL PULL YOU UP!

NOT SO HARD REED! MY ARM DOESN'T STRETCH LIKE YOURS DOES!!



WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU, KID? THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO SNAP AT ME THAT WAY!

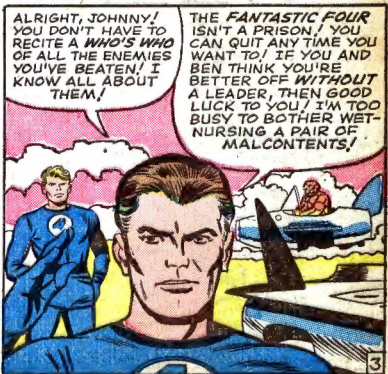
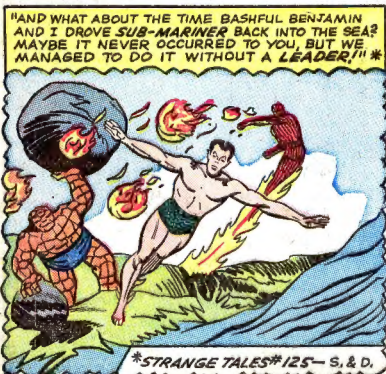
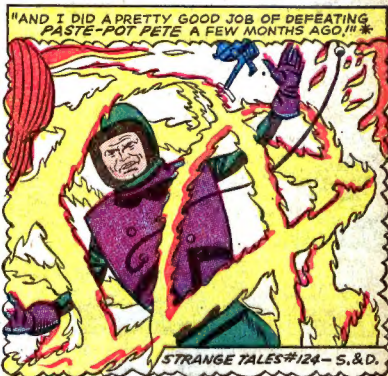
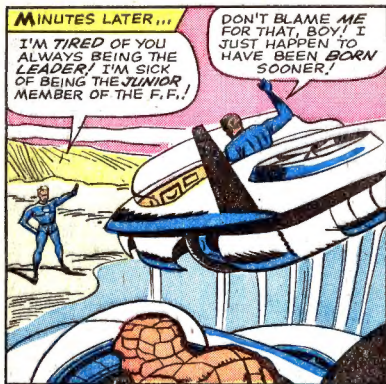
IF YOU ASK ME, JUNIOR'S JUST GOT GROWIN' PAINS!

BUTT OUT, BEN! NOBODY ASKED YOU!



DON'T PULL ME UP TO THE F-CAR! LET ME DOWN ON SHORE! I'VE GOT A FEW THINGS TO SAY TO YOU!

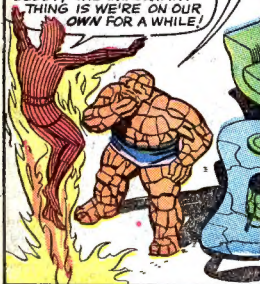
OKAY JOHNNY!



LATER, AT JOHNNY'S HOUSE...

BOY! IT'S A LUCKY THING FOR STRETCH-HEAD THAT I AINT SURE WHAT HE *MEANT* BY SOME OF THOSE FIVE BUCK WORDS OF HIS!

NEVER MIND THAT, BIG BUDDY! THE IMPORTANT THING IS WE'RE ON OUR OWN FOR A WHILE!



REED THINKS WE'LL COME CRAWLING BACK TO APOLO-GIZE TO HIM! BUT, LET'S TEACH HIM A LESSON! LET'S HANDLE ANOTHER CASE BY OURSELVES, FIRST!



LOOK, HALF-PINT--I DON'T MIND CELEBRATIN' "RAZZ REED RICHARD'S DAY", BUT WHEN IT COMES TO BUSTIN' UP THE F.F.--!

RELAX, B.J.! ALL I WANNA DO IS SHOW WE'RE AS GOOD AS HE IS--UNLESS YOU DON'T THINK YOU ARE!

ARE YOU KIDDIN'?? AFTER THEY MADE ME, THEY TOSSED AWAY THE MOLD!



SECONDS LATER...

I'VE GOT A TELEGRAM FOR THE TORCH AND THE THING! ARE THEY HERE?

WHO DO YA THINK WE ARE--HANSEL AND GRETEL???

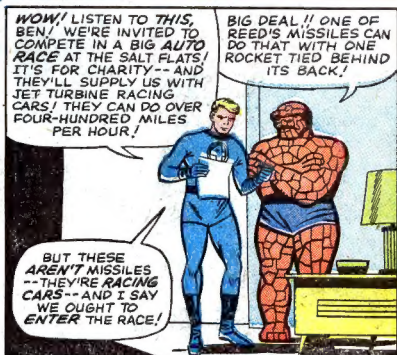
I'LL TAKE IT!



WOW! LISTEN TO THIS, BEN! WE'RE INVITED TO COMPETE IN A BIG AUTO RACE AT THE SALT FLATS! IT'S FOR CHARITY--AND THEY'LL SUPPLY US WITH JET TURBINE RACING CARS! THEY CAN DO OVER FOUR-HUNDRED MILES PER HOUR!

BIG DEAL!! ONE OF REED'S MISSILES CAN DO THAT WITH ONE ROCKET TIED BEHIND ITS BACK!

BUT THESE AREN'T MISSILES --THEY'RE RACING CARS--AND I SAY WE OUGHT TO ENTER THE RACE!



WHAT CHARITY IS IT FOR, KIDDO? I HOPE IT AINT FOR A YANCY STREET BLOCK PARTY!

I DON'T KNOW, BUT IT MUST BE AN IMPORTANT ONE TO AFFORD A RACE LIKE THIS!

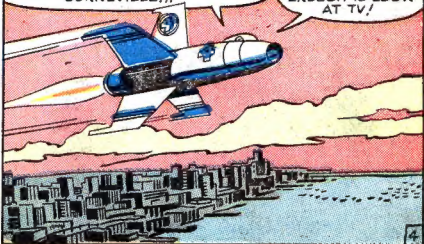
WELL, WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?



AND SO, A SHORT TIME LATER, THE F.F.'S SPEEDY MIDGET ROCKET SHIP HEADS FOR THE VAST SALT FLATS OF UTAH...

THE TELEGRAM SAID THAT THE RACE WILL BE COVERED BY TV! WON'T REED BE SURPRISED WHEN HE SEES US RACING AT BONNEVILLE??!

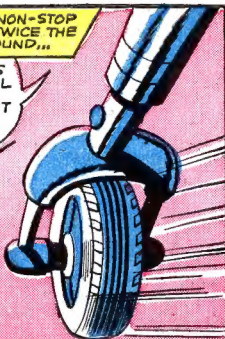
HIM? HE WON'T POKE HIS SHOUT UP FROM HIS TEST TUBES LONG ENOUGH TO LOOK AT TV!



FINALLY, AFTER A NON-STOP
ROCKET RIDE AT TWICE THE
SPEED OF SOUND,...

HEY! WHERE IS
EVERYBODY? ALL
I SEE ARE TWO
CARS AND ONE NUT
WAVIN' AT US
LIKE HE KNOWS
US!

MAYBE WE
GOT HERE TOO
EARLY, BEN!
THIS LITTLE
JET JOB
DOESN'T KID
AROUND
ONCE SHE
GETS GOIN'!



THEN, AFTER A SMOOTH LANDING ON THE
FAMOUS SALT FLATS,...

WELCOME, GENTS! I'M THE
CHIEF MECHANIC FOR THE
RACE! WE'RE TRYING SOME-
THING NEW THIS TIME--
THERE ARE TV CAMERAS
MOUNTED AT THE REAR
OF EACH CAR!

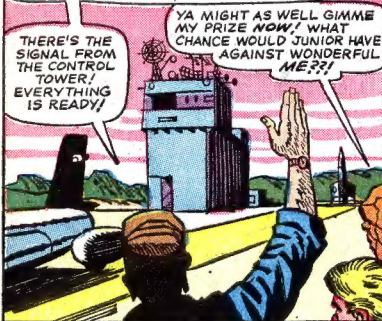
BUT WHERE
ARE ALL THE
OTHER CARS
AND DRIVERS?



OH, DIDN'T THE TELEGRAM MENTION THAT?
THERE AREN'T ANY OTHERS! THE RACE IS
JUST BETWEEN YOU AND THE THING!

THERE'S THE
SIGNAL FROM
THE CONTROL
TOWER!
EVERYTHING
IS READY!

YA MIGHT AS WELL GIMME
MY PRIZE NOW! WHAT
CHANCE WOULD JUNIOR HAVE
AGAINST WONDERFUL
ME??!



THE ENTIRE EVENT WILL BE MONITORED BY
REMOTE CONTROL FROM THE TOWER! THE
COURSE IS CLOSED TO SPECTATORS -- YOU
HAVE IT ALL TO YOURSELVES!

YOU'LL RACE TO THE FOOT OF
THE MOUNTAIN RANGE, AROUND
CASTLE ROCK, AND BACK! MAY
THE BEST MAN WIN!

THANKS--
I WILL!



REMEMBER--THE CARS YOU ARE
DRIVING ARE NEW PROTOTYPE TEST
MODELS WITH SPECIAL JET
TURBINE ENGINES AND OTHER
INNOVATIONS! YOU'LL HAVE A
LOT OF AUTO UNDER YOU!

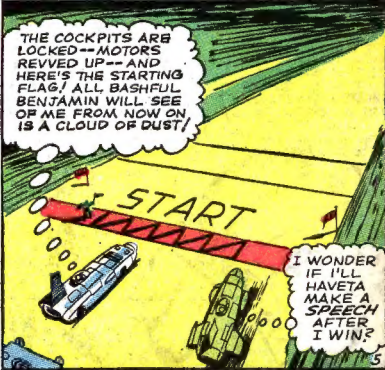
MISTER, CARS ARE MY
MIDDLE NAME! JUST STAND
BACK AND POLISH UP MY
TROPHY FOR ME!



THE COCKPITS ARE
LOCKED--MOTORS
REVVED UP--AND
HERE'S THE STARTING
FLAG! ALL BASHFUL
BENJAMIN WILL SEE
OF ME FROM NOW ON
IS A CLOUD OF DUST!

START

I WONDER
IF I'LL
HAVE A
MAKE A
SPEECH
AFTER
I WIN?



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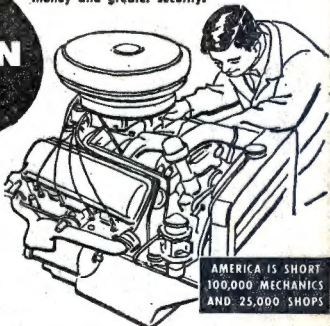


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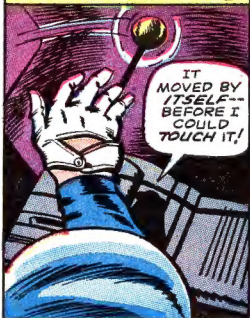
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AND SO THE SIGNAL IS GIVEN--AND THE RACE BEGINS--A RACE DESTINED TO BE THE MOST UNIQUE--THE MOST STARTLING--EVER RECORDED!

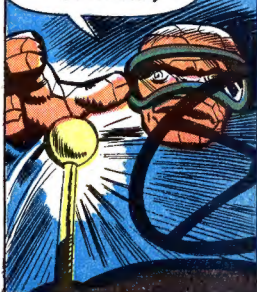


AS THE TEEN-AGER REACHES FOR THE LEVER TO SHIFT INTO GEAR, HE IS AMAZED TO SEE...



AND, INSIDE OF BIG BEN'S CAR--

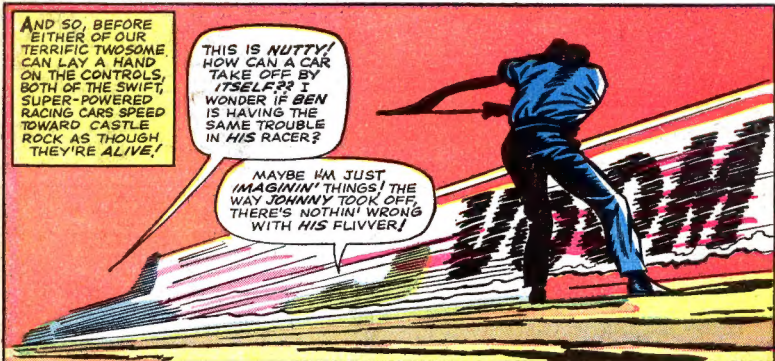
THE JALOPY'S HAUNTED!! IT'S SLAMMIN' INTO GEAR BY ITSELF!



AND SO, BEFORE EITHER OF OUR TERRIFIC TWOSOME CAN LAY A HAND ON THE CONTROLS, BOTH OF THE SWIFT, SUPER-POWERED RACING CARS SPEED TOWARD CASTLE ROCK AS THOUGH THEY'RE ALIVE!

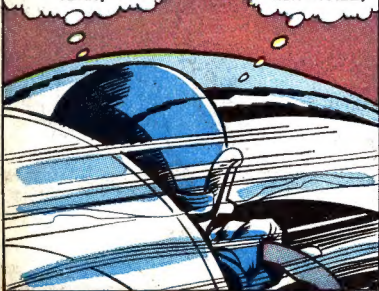
THIS IS NUTTY! HOW CAN A CAR TAKE OFF BY ITSELF?? I WONDER IF BEN IS HAVING THE SAME TROUBLE IN HIS RACER?

MAYBE I'M JUST IMAGININ' THINGS! THE WAY JOHNNY TOOK OFF, THERE'S NOTHIN' WRONG WITH HIS FLIVVER!



HEADIN' STRAIGHT FOR CASTLE ROCK! BETTER CUT MY SPEED TO NEGOTIATE THE TURN!

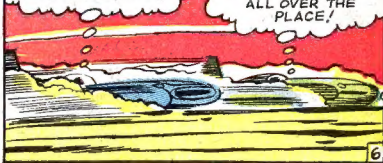
FLAMIN' FIREBALLS!! I CAN'T SLOW 'ER DOWN, I CAN'T CONTROL HER AT ALL!



AND, WITHIN THE THING'S CAR, BEN MEETS WITH THE SAME RESULT WHEN HE TRIES TO LESSEN HIS SPEED FOR THE APPROACHING TURN! THEN, QUICKLY REALIZING THE PRE-DICAMENT THEY'RE IN, BOTH DRIVERS COME TO THE SAME CONCLUSION...

THERE'S MORE TO THIS "RACE" THAN MEETS THE EYE! WE'VE BLUNDERED INTO SOME SORT OF TRAP!! CAN'T EVEN FLAME ON--THIS COCKPIT IS AIR-TIGHT--AND I CAN'T RAISE THE PLEXI-GLASS BUBBLE!!

EVEN IF I COULD BUST OUTTA HERE, IT WOULDN'T DO ME ANY GOOD! IF I DIVED OUTTA THIS FOUR-WHEELED BOMB AT THIS SPEED, THERE'D BE "SPATTERED THING" ALL OVER THE PLACE!



AND THEN, THE *FINAL SHOCKING* REALIZATION HITS THE NOW-GRIM TORCH...

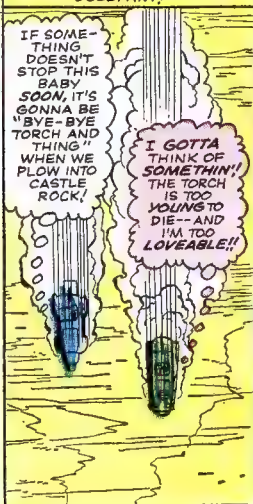
JUST AS I EXPECTED--
THE *STEERING WHEEL*
IS A DUMMY, TOO! I
CAN'T CHANGE
DIRECTION!! I'M *HELP-
LESS* IN HERE!



THUS, THE TWO JET TURBINE RACING CARS THUNDER FORWARD AS SONIC SPEED--EACH CONTAINING A HELPLESS AND BEWILDERED OCCUPANT!

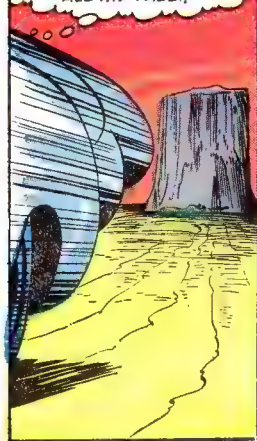
IF SOME-
THING
DOESN'T
STOP THIS
BABY
SOON, IT'S
GONNA BE
"BYE-BYE
TORCH AND
THING"
WHEN WE
PLOW INTO
CASTLE
ROCK!

I GOTTA
THINK OF
SOMETHIN'!
THE TORCH
IS TOO
YOUNG TO
DIE-- AND
I'M TOO
LOVEABLE!!

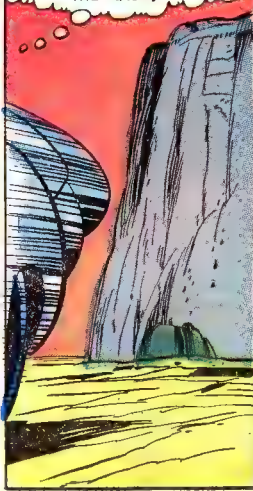


AT SPEEDS IN EXCESS OF FOUR-HUNDRED MILES PER HOUR, IT DOESN'T TAKE LONG BEFORE THE MOMENT OF *IMPACT* DRAWS NEAR--!

IT LOOKS LIKE THIS IS *IT*!
IF ONLY I HADN'T GOTTEN
POOR BEN INTO THIS! IT'S
ALL MY FAULT!



IT NEVER WOULD HAVE *HAPPENED* IF WE HAD STUCK WITH REED! HE'D HAVE SMELLED A RAT! HE'D HAVE *INVESTIGATED* BEFORE HE LET US ENTER THE RACE!

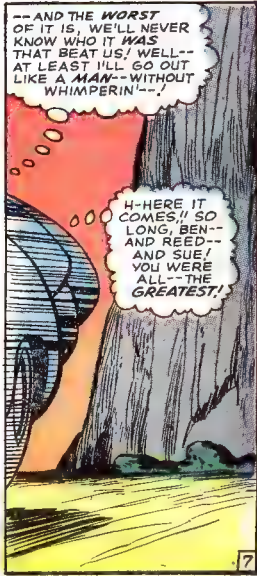


WE WENT SKIPPIN' INTO THIS MESS LIKE TWO LAME-BRAINS, NEVER SUSPECTIN' IT WAS SOMEBODY'S IDEA OF A CUTE WAY TO CHANGE THE *FANTASTIC FOUR* TO THE *TREMBLIN' TWO*!



--AND THE *WORST* OF IT IS, WE'LL NEVER KNOW WHO IT WAS THAT BEAT US! WELL-- AT LEAST I'LL GO OUT LIKE A *MAN*--WITHOUT WHIMPERIN'--!

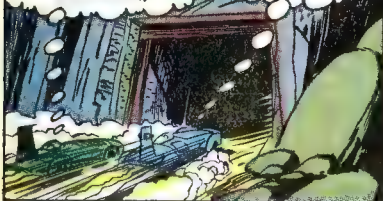
H-HERE IT COMES!! SO LONG, BEN-- AND REED-- AND SUE! YOU WERE ALL--THE *GREATEST*!



BUT THEN, AT WHAT SEEMS TO BE THE LAST SPLIT SECOND, A PART OF THE HUGE ROCK FORMATION OPENS INTO THE MOUTH OF A TUNNEL--!

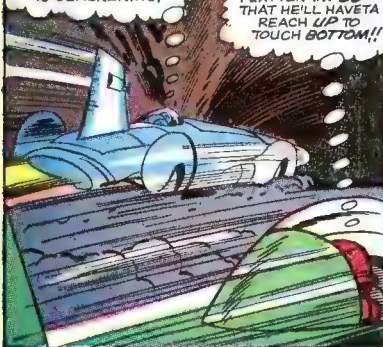
WOW-EEE! AS MY DEAR OL' AUNT PETUNIA USED TO SAY-- "YOU'RE ALMOST AS LUCKY AS YOU ARE BEAUTIFUL, BENJAMIN!"

WE'RE RACING INTO A HIDDEN TUNNEL! WE'VE STILL GOT A CHANCE!

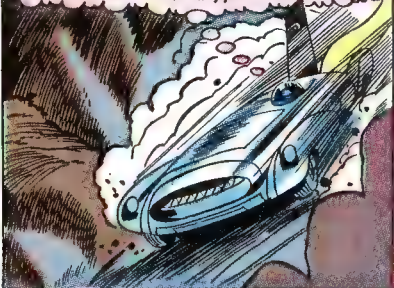


WE'RE GOING LOWER-- INTO SOME SORT OF SUBTERRANEAN CHAMBER --AND OUR SPEED IS SLACKENING!

IF I EVER GET MY PAWS ON THE JOKER WHO GOT US INTO THIS, I'LL FLATTEN HIM SO THAT HE'LL HAVETA REACH UP TO TOUCH BOTTOM!!



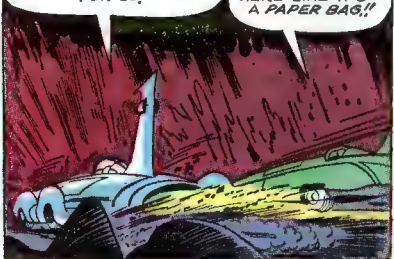
STILL CAN'T CONTROL THE CAR!! WHOEVER ARRANGED ALL THIS MUST WANNA FINISH US OFF NICE AND SLOW-- BUT WHY?? AND WHO IS HE??



AND THEN, AFTER A SERIES OF BREATH-TAKING HAIRPIN TURNS AND HEART-STOPPING SKIDS, BOTH CARS SCREECH TO A HALT-- STILL UNDER THE CONTROL OF SOME MYSTERIOUS, UNKNOWN FORCE!

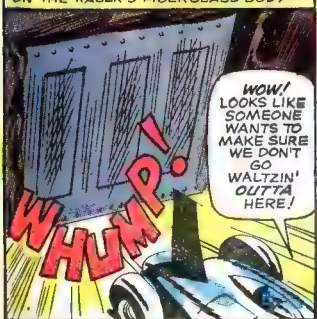
WE'VE STOPPED! MAYBE WE'LL FINALLY FIND OUT WHO'S BEHIND ALL THIS--UNLESS HE HAS SOME OTHER LITTLE PARTY PRANKS ARRANGED FOR US!

I DON'T CARE WHAT THIS RATTLE-TRAP IS MADE OUT OF! NOW THAT IT STOPPED ROLLIN', I'LL BUST OUTTA HERE LIKE IT'S A PAPER BAG!!



BUT, BEFORE THE THING CAN BEGIN TO EXERT HIS TREMENDOUS STRENGTH ON THE RACER'S FIBERGLASS BODY--

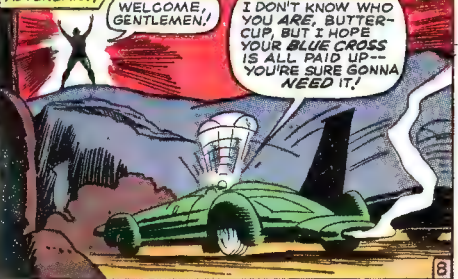
WOW! LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE WANTS TO MAKE SURE WE DON'T GO WALTZIN' OUTTA HERE!



NEXT, BIG BEN REALIZES THERE IS NO NEED FOR HIM TO SMASH HIS WAY OUT OF THE CAR, AS BOTH RE-STRAINING BUBBLE TOPS AUTOMATICALLY DISENGAGE THEMSELVES FROM THE RACERS, AND THE TWO FIGHTING PARTNERS FINALLY SEE THEIR UNKNOWN ADVERSARY!

WELCOME, GENTLEMEN!

I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUTTER-CUP, BUT I HOPE YOUR BLUE CROSS IS ALL PAID UP-- YOU'RE SURE GONNA NEED IT!



THOSE ARE RASH WORDS, MY MUSCLE-BOUND FRIEND, CONSIDERING THAT YOU ARE BOTH COMPLETELY IN MY POWER,

NOT ANY MORE NOW! WE'RE NOT! NOW IT'S OUR TURN TO FURNISH THE FUN!



A FLAMING DART, INTENDED TO FORCE ME TO SURRENDER, NO DOUBT!

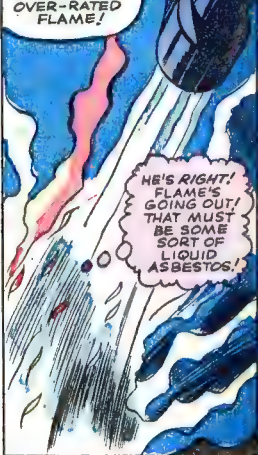
I EXPECTED SOMETHING CLEVERER THAN THAT FROM YOU, TORCH!

YEAH? WHILE YOU'RE SOUNDIN' OFF I'LL MELT DOWN THAT LITTLE PEA-SHOOTER OF YOURS!

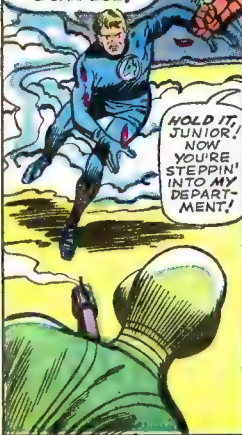


ALAS FOR YOU IT *ISN'T* A PEA-SHOOTER! IT FIRES A SPECIAL SPRAY, MIST WHICH CAN INSTANTLY DOUSE YOUR OVER-RATED FLAME!

HE'S RIGHT! FLAME'S GOING OUT! THAT MUST BE SOME SORT OF LIQUID ASBESTOS!

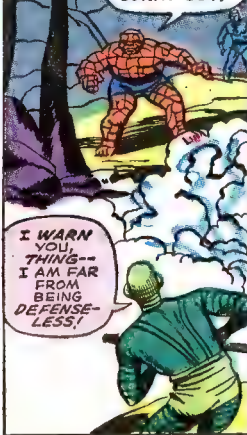


WELL, I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU, FELLA! EVEN WITHOUT MY FLAME, I'M NOT EXACTLY HELPLESS! I'VE STILL GOT A COUPLE OF FISTS I CAN USE!



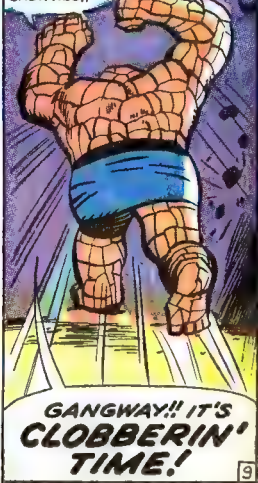
HOLD IT, JUNIOR! NOW YOU'RE STEPPIN' INTO MY DEPARTMENT!

WHEN IT COMES TO GIVIN' A GUY A FEW LITTLE LOVE TAPS, I AINT GONNA WAIT FOR SLOPPY SECONDS. SO STEP ASIDE SONNY BOY!

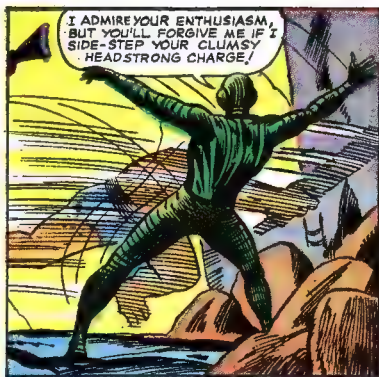


I WARN YOU, THING-- I AM FAR FROM BEING DEFENSELESS!

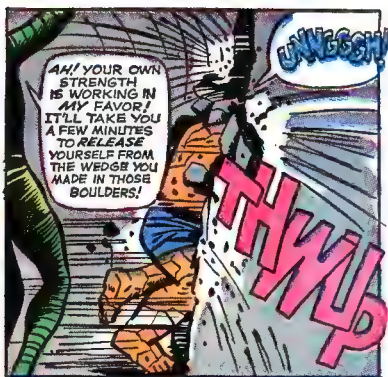
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT! NOW I'M SHIVERIN' IN MY BLUE LITTLE SHORTIES!!



GANGWAY!! IT'S CLOBBERIN' TIME!



I ADMIRE YOUR ENTHUSIASM,
BUT YOU'LL FORGIVE ME IF I
SIDE-STEP YOUR CLUMSY
HEADSTRONG CHARGE!



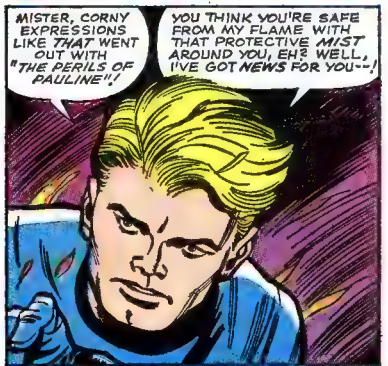
AW! YOUR OWN
STRENGTH
IS WORKING IN
MY FAVOR!
IT'LL TAKE YOU
A FEW MINUTES
TO RELEASE
YOURSELF FROM
THE WEDGE YOU
MADE IN THOSE
BOULDERS!

UNWESSH!



YOU'RE PRETTY PLEASED
WITH YOURSELF, HUH?
WELL, WISE GUY, YOU
TOOK US BY SURPRISE--
WE DIDN'T EVEN KNOW
WE WERE IN A FIGHT--
BUT NOW THAT YOU'VE
SHOWN YOURSELF--!

BAH!
CAN'T YOU
SEE YOU
HAVEN'T A
CHANCE?
YOU'RE
BOTH
COM-
PLETELY
IN MY
POWER!



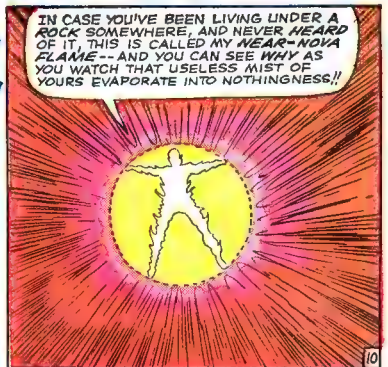
MISTER, CORNY
EXPRESSIONS
LIKE THAT WENT
OUT WITH
"THE PERILS OF
PAULINE"!

YOU THINK YOU'RE SAFE
FROM MY FLAME WITH
THAT PROTECTIVE MIST
AROUND YOU, EH? WELL,
I'VE GOT NEWS FOR YOU--!



ANY KIND OF
A MIST CAN
BE EVAPORATED
BY A FLAME
THAT'S HOT
ENOUGH!

--AND MY FLAME
IS GOING TO BE
HOT ENOUGH--
YOU CAN'T STOP
ME NOW!



IN CASE YOU'VE BEEN LIVING UNDER A
ROCK SOMEWHERE, AND NEVER HEARD
OF IT, THIS IS CALLED MY NEAR-NOVA
FLAME-- AND YOU CAN SEE WHY AS
YOU WATCH THAT USELESS MIST OF
YOURS EVAPORATE INTO NOTHINGNESS!!

BOYS! MEN!

Mike Marvel



Yes! If they LAUGH at you now when you take off your shirt—they'll be amazed—once they've seen the rugged DYNAPLEX BODY I can give you! I'll build you a tough massive body—shoulders clad with solid inches of he-man BRAWN. I'll give you bulging biceps, trip-hammer fists, power-packed legs, and a chest that will have you popping the buttons off your shirt with pride! (—says MIKE MARVEL, "Builder of Champion Bodies")

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If so, wake up fellas! THIS IS IT! I will reveal to you the fat and give you a lean virile DYNAPLEX BODY. A manured with a sheath of hard tough hand-some muscle I can build you into a healthy, streamlined HERCULES—bursting with dynamic iron strength. I'll give you a taut rock-hard midsection—flex muscles like coiled steel springs. I can pack solid DYNAMITE into your fists and give you the magnetic SLIPPERY BODY APPEAL. And with NO starvation diets—NO fatiguing calisthenics—NO expensive health-foods!

Into your fists and give you the magnetic SLIPPERY BODY APPEAL. And with NO starvation diets—NO fatiguing calisthenics—NO expensive health-foods!

ARE YOU WEAK, ALWAYS TIRED, LACK PEPS?

Whether you're thin and scrawny, or sagging with unsightly fat—I my secret DYNAPLEX method will cram pep, vigor and red-blooded vitality into your puny, exhausted body. Once DYNAPLEX makes you a two-hatted dynamo of manly beauty, rippling with power, glowing with magnetic appeal—you'll be bursting with get-up-and-go. Man, you'll be really ALIVE—tingling with zest and zip—ripping energy—for the first time in years!

PROOF!

"I tried two other systems, before my buddies told me about DYNAPLEX. It really works—and how! I've put two inches of solid muscle on my biceps, three inches on my chest. It's like magic!" L. C., New York City

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ARE YOU ASHAMED OF YOUR BODY NOW?

Pal—do YOURSELF a favor! Take a good long look in a mirror. Do you see a puny, starved body—scrawny arms—lanky shoulders—flabby stomach and skinny legs? Do they laugh and grin when you take off your shirt? BELIEVE IT OR NOT—I can add solid pounds of rippling, steely he-man MEAT to your body. I can take those skeleton arms and PACK EVERY INCH with explosive virile MAN-MUSCLE. I can take that cavewoman chest and build on it six rugged inches of strong sleek MAN-SIZED BRAWN. I can clothe your skinny arms with GIANT RIPPING DYNAPLEX MUSCLES that will have them gasping with awe and admiration! And with NO tiring exercises. NO high-priced bar-bells or gym equipment!

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CAN BUILD YOU A MAGNIFICENT NEW HE-MAN-MUSCLED BODY IN JUST TEN MINUTES A DAY—with absolutely NO weights—NO bar-bells—NO EXERCISE AT ALL!

STRONG-MAN BODY THAT'S ADMIRABLE!

Be honest. Down deep you KNOW you envy the lout with the virile, magnificent build. Every man and boy secretly desires a broad, brawny back, a solid man-muscled chest, handsome he-man shoulders, arms rippling with tough, steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim hips and springy, power-packed legs. Be a fellow with TWO-FISTED BIG MUSCLE and BEAT... they only laugh at skinny guys or "fatso's".

Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches of solid muscle on your chest—he-man appeal. I can build three inches of beef and brawn on your shoulders. I will mold you a handsome super-body of terrific strength, give you a crushing grip, legs crammed with steel springs. A lean taut rock-solid punch-proof midsection. Pack your body with energy and stamina that will help make you popular.

GIVE ME TEN MINUTES A DAY—THAT'S ALL!

After DYNAPLEX, you'll be able to roll up your sleeves and take off your shirt and, for the first time in your life, you'll be PROUD of your manly build. Yes, pal, you'll be proud of your weak, flabby frame—get ready for adventure and real life—stop playing that glows and vibrates with virile he-man appeal. You'll be really proud to have people see your magnificent HE-MAN MUSCLES at the beach or gym. And, when the fellows stare with envy and jealousy at the big crowd around to squeeze your iron biceps or touch your bulging brawny chest—when they ask in amazement HOW you did it—tell them about the Magic Secret of DYNAPLEX!

Your Pal,
MIKE MARVEL

"Builder of Champion Bodies"

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- ☐ Check as many of the boxes you want HERE—Complete System \$1.98
- ☐ Lose fat and trim and build
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MIKE MARVEL SYSTEM, Dept. H413
285 Market Street
Newark, New Jersey.

Okay, Mike! Here's \$1.98. Send me your COMPLETE (nothing else to buy later) body-building course. I want to use your new secret of DYNAPLEX to win a HERCULES HE-MAN BODY in just ten minutes a day. Rush my copies of the DYNAPLEX SYSTEM and my free gift book "Secrets of Being Attractive" with a money-back guarantee, in plain wrappers. If I don't develop a splendid physique and become more popular you will refund my money in full.

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AND NOW THAT YOU CAN'T HOLD MY FLAME BACK ANY MORE, I'LL JUST PUT A LITTLE FIERY CAGE AROUND YOU, TO KEEP YOU NICE AND COZY!



BUT, NO SOONER IS HIS MYSTERIOUS FOE SAFELY IMPRISONED WITHIN THE GLOWING CAGE, THAN THE TORCH WEAKLY DRIFTS TO THE GROUND-- EXHAUSTED BY THE TREMENDOUS STRAIN OF PRODUCING HIS NEAR-NOVA HEAT BLAST!

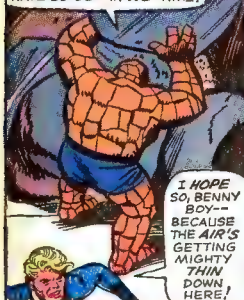
WHAT DID YOU PUT THAT BLAMED BURNIN' BIRD CAGE AROUND 'IM FOR? I WANNA GET AT 'IM AGAIN!

YOU'D BETTER FIND A WAY TO GET US OUT OF HERE FIRST, BIG BUDDY-- BEFORE HE DREAMS UP SOME OTHER LITTLE SURPRISE FOR US!



WELL SAID, TORCH! ALTHOUGH I ASSURE YOU I HAVE ANOTHER SURPRISE OR TWO STILL IN STORE FOR YOU BOTH!

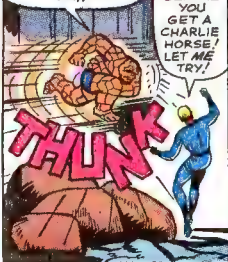
LEMME PILE THESE OVER-GROWN PEBBLES HERE TO MAKE SURE CUDDLES STAYS WHERE HE IS AND THEN I'LL HAVE US OUT IN NO TIME!



I HOPE SO, BENNY BOY-- BECAUSE THE AIR'S GETTING MIGHTY THIN DOWN HERE!

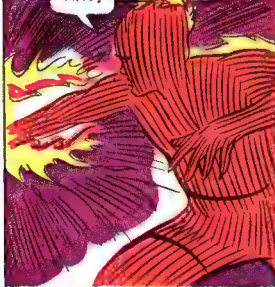
BUT, TRY AS HE MAY, THE MIGHTY THING FINDS...

WHAT'S GOIN' ON?? I CAN'T EVEN PUT A DENT IN THIS DING-BLASTED HUNKA TIN!!

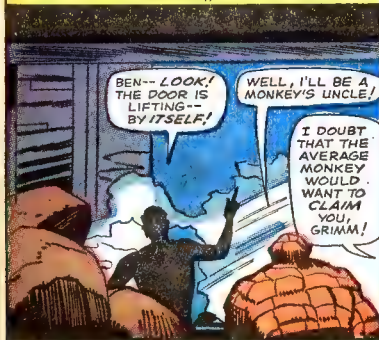


OKAY, PAL, KNOCK IT OFF BEFORE YOU GET A CHARLIE HORSE! LET ME TRY!

RATS! IT'S NO GOOD! I'M STILL TOO WEAK TO MAKE MY FLAME HOT ENOUGH--AND THE FADING OXYGEN DOWN HERE ISN'T HELPING ANY!



BUT THEN, THE NEXT UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENT OCCURS!!



BEN-- LOOK! THE DOOR IS LIFTING-- BY ITSELF!

WELL, I'LL BE A MONKEY'S UNCLE!

I DOUBT THAT THE AVERAGE MONKEY WOULD WANT TO CLAIM YOU, GRIMM!

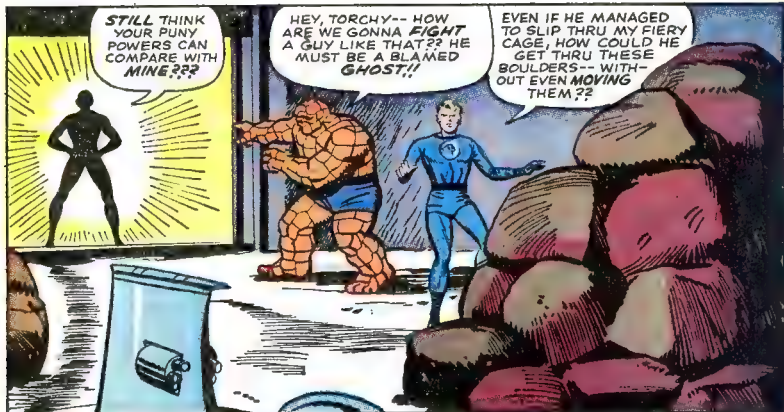
WHO SAID THAT???

YOU!!? HOW IN BLUE BLAZES DID YOU GET OUT OF THE TORCH'S BURNIN' CAGE??

EASILY!! AND IT'S LUCKY FOR YOU I DID! YOU TWO CLOWNS AREN'T WEARING AN OXYGEN MASK, AS I AM!

SO FAR THAT BOZO HAS BEATEN US AT EVERY TURN!!





STILL THINK
YOUR PUNY
POWERS CAN
COMPARE WITH
MINE???

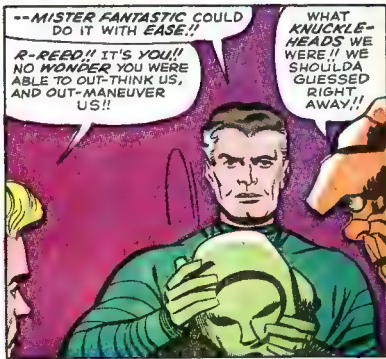
HEY, TORCHY-- HOW
ARE WE GONNA FIGHT
A GUY LIKE THAT?? HE
MUST BE A BLAMED
GHOST!!

EVEN IF HE MANAGED
TO SLIP THRU MY FIERY
CAGE, HOW COULD HE
GET THRU THESE
BOULDERS-- WITH-
OUT EVEN MOVING
THEM??



WAIT! THERE'S
A SMALL
OPENING THRU
THE BOULDERS
HERE! BUT,
NOBODY HUMAN
COULD HAVE
SQUEEZED THRU
THAT!

YOU'RE WRONG
AGAIN, TORCH--



--MISTER FANTASTIC COULD
DO IT WITH EASE!!

R-REED!! IT'S YOU!!
NO WONDER YOU WERE
ABLE TO OUT-THINK US,
AND OUT-MANEUVER
US!!

WHAT
KNUCKLE-
HEADS WE
WERE!! WE
SHOULDA
GUESSED
RIGHT
AWAY!!



A SHORT TIME LATER...

NOW, IF YOU STILL DON'T WANT
THE F.F. TO HAVE A LEADER,
I'LL BE GLAD TO RESIGN!

AW, KNOCK IT OFF, REED!
YOU'VE ALREADY PROVED
YOUR POINT!

BUT ONLY AN
EGGHEAD
LIKE YOU
WOULD GO
TO ALL THAT
TROUBLE TO
DO IT THE
HARD WAY!



IT WAS WORTH THE TROUBLE,
BEN! IN THE BUSINESS THAT
WE'RE IN, THERE'S NO ROOM
FOR LACK OF CONFIDENCE IN
A LEADER! YOUR LIVES MAY
ONE DAY DEPEND UPON
INSTANT OBEDIENCE!

GOSH, REED--
YOU TAKE
EVERYTHING
SO SERIOUSLY!
I WAS JUST
LETTING OFF
STEAM!

BUT I COULDN'T
AFFORD TO TAKE
THE CHANCE!
I HAD TO
PROVE
MYSELF!



BRUTE STRENGTH AND A BLAZING
SUPER-POWER ARE GREAT ASSETS
TO OUR TEAM! BUT YOU LACK THE
MATURITY OF THE AVENGERS,
JOHNNY-- AND BEN LACKS THEIR
DELIBERATION! AND SO--

NUTS! LET'S BAIL
OUT, TORCHY! NOW
HE'S TRYIN' TO TALK
US TO DEATH!

WHETHER YOU GUESSED WHO OUR
"MYSTERY VILLAIN" WAS OR NOT, WE
HOPE YOU ENJOYED OUR LITTLE
ADVENTURE INTO THE ABSURD! AND
NOW, IT'S TIME FOR DR. STRANGE--
AND YOU CAN BET THAT HE'LL BE
FIGHTING A REAL BADDIE NOW--SO
LET'S FIND OUT...

ADDRESS YOUR
LETTERS TO:

THE MARVEL
COMICS GROUP
2nd FLOOR
625 MADISON AVE.
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10022

STRANGE MAILS

Dear Stan and Dick,

I don't want to sound like a comic critic or anything but I have a complaint. If there's anything I hate it's a "Golden Age hero" here in the Marvel Age. I figure that they had their days of fame and glory back there, so leave the Marvel Age for Marvel Age heroes. Now I went along with you with Captain America but when I read the latest **STRANGE TALES** and saw who was drawing it, (not that I have anything against the man, but that's when I first found out about the Torch being in the Golden Age) I "flamed out!" Imagine—my favorite hero, the Human Torch, is a Golden Age refugee. It was too much to bear. Since then the Spider-Man has almost overtaken the Torch in favoritism. To relieve some of the pain I ask one small favor. Please write up a list of all your heroes that are Golden Age refugees so next time it won't be so much of a shock. Other than this, keep up the excellent work.

Rick Paul, 315 S. Woodstock Dr.
Cherry Hill, N. J.

Shock therapy is too expensive, Ricky, so maybe we can help with a simple explanation. We *did* have a Human Torch back in the old days—but he was a different Torch. As far as we're concerned now, Johnny Storm is a new, Marvel Age character, with no ties to the past! Okay?

Dear Stan and Dick,

First of all I want to tell you that your comics are great. Your stories and ideas are better than any other comics by far. Marvel Comics take twice as long to read than others! Now for a question—when somebody shoots at the Torch with a gun, before the bullet hits him, it melts. But when water is thrown on him, why doesn't it turn to steam?

Clyde Smith, 917 Monmouth St.
Independence, Oregon

It does—if it's a small amount of water! But, a steady stream of water in large quantity will douse his flame. But we wanna ask you something—how come you say our mags take twice as long to read? Is that good? Or do you mean they're hard to figure out?

Dear Stan and Dick,

I must comment on your spelling in **STRANGE TALES** #123—it was awful. Now everyone knows that the word Beagle is spelled B-e-a-t-l-e, not B-e-e-t-l-e. If you aren't more careful, Ringo may come after you with his drumsticks! The only gripe I have about your mags is that the Hulk looks too human. We all like him as the ugly, green ol' monster of a few months ago.

Kristin Barrett, 9199 Sandy Blvd.
Portland, Ore.

So why tell us? Ol' green skin is in *Tales to Astonish*, isn't he? Anyway, stalwart Stevie Ditko tells us he's "uglying" Hulky up from now on—so rest easy, Kris!

Dear Stan and Steve,

What you did to Dr. Strange in issue #123 of **STRANGE TALES** was outrageous! You made a monkey out of him by letting us think he was stupid when he thought Loki's chains, and not Loki, were evil. You showed Dr. Strange sweating and scared! He's been in more frightening experiences than that one and he didn't even turn red! You almost let his amulet be destroyed, and to top it off, you didn't even let him use all of his power. When Loki surrounded him with that cage you forgot that in a past issue it didn't even make him bat an eyelash. You made him look silly by not having him wear his cape, and when he created all those foolish images, I thought that you two belonged in a funny farm!

Chris Clark, 818 Woodsdale Ave.
Toledo 9, Ohio

Shhh! Not so loud, Chris! Where do you think we *escaped* from? Anyway, don't forget that Doc Strange never fought a villain who was as powerful as Loki before! (And he isn't anxious ever to do it again!)

Dear Stan and Dick,

In **FF ANNUAL** #1 you said that the Torch was sixteen years old. I've been seriously thinking that you must have the numbers backward. Is he sixty-one? He uses the same speech as Reed and Ben and they are at least thirty. He doesn't use any new words such as "fab" (great), "gear" (absolutely the greatest), "soft" (slightly insane), "potty" (definitely insane), "bird" (girl), and "drag stuff" (anything boring). Lately the Torch has been a stuffed shirt. Where is the fun-loving Torch we used to know?

Rita Hoard, 582 Spartan Court
San Jose 12, Calif.

We sent him to the woodshed, Rita, with a dictionary of slang, to study up! He promises he'll be "boss" as soon as possible!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS SECTION:

—Remember last ish we told you we now have letters pages in all our mags except the Westerns and female titles? Well, just call us gluttons for punishment—we're gonna have l.p.'s in those books too. And now—to business...

—Didja like our mystery villain this month? It kinda started us thinking—it's lucky for all concerned that red-blooded Reed is a good guy—because, if he ever took a notion to become a baddie—look out!

—Okay, you've had enough time to try to guess what M.M.M.S. stands for. Here's the low-down—We're starting a new club, and the initials stand for the Merry Marvel Marching Society! (Now there's something to wrap your tinsels around!) It's gonna be the most off-beat, far-out little society you ever belonged to—and we'll tell you more about it next ish, because it's still in the planning stage now. In fact, if you've any jazzy ideas for it, send 'em along while there's still time!

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THE MYSTIC DOMAIN OF THE
DREAD DORMAMMU, IN A
FAR-OFF ALIEN DIMENSION,
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IS UP TO HIM, AND HIM
ALONE, TO KEEP THE
DREADED SORCERER
FROM INVADING THE
HUMAN WORLD!

"Duel With THE DREAD DORMAMMU!"

YOU MUST NEVER BE
ALLOWED TO HURL YOUR
SINISTER SPELLS
AGAINST MANKIND!

EVEN THE
POWERFUL
ANCIENT ONE CANNOT
STOP ME, SO HOW CAN
YOU?



WHO IS THE
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IN THE
DIABOLICAL
DIMENSION?

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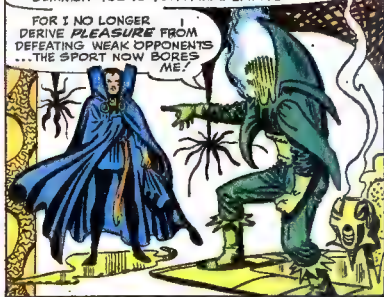
I WARN YOU TO SEND THE ANCIENT ONE TO FIGHT IN YOUR STEAD! YOU ARE TOO YOUNG... YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE MYSTIC ARTS CANNOT BEGIN TO EQUAL MINE!

NO, DREADED ONE! IT IS ME WHOM THE ANCIENT ONE HAS SENT... AND IT IS ME WHOM YOU MUST BATTLE!



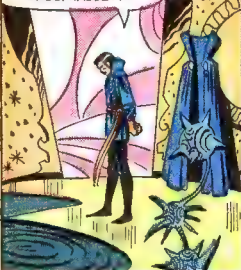
BAH! ALL THROUGH THE AGES, WITLESS CREATURES SUCH AS YOU HAVE DARED TO CHALLENGE ME... AND ALL HAVE MET THE SAME DEADLY FATE! I SHALL GIVE YOU A BRIEF PERIOD TO RECONSIDER BEFORE I SUMMON YOU TO YOUR FINAL BATTLE!

FOR I NO LONGER DERIVE PLEASURE FROM DEFEATING WEAK OPPONENTS... THE SPORT NOW BORES ME!



AND SO, MOMENTS LATER...

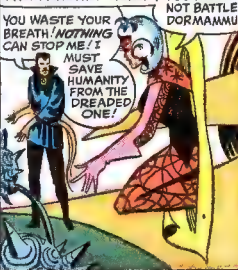
HE SOUNDED SO SURE OF HIMSELF... SO TOTALLY ARROGANT! CAN HE REALLY BE SO COMPLETELY UNBEATABLE?!



THEN, SUDDENLY, THE MYSTERIOUS FEMALE WHO HAD TRIED TO WARN DR. STRANGE WHEN HE ENTERED THE DREAD DIMENSION AGAIN APPEARS...

HEED MY WORDS, MAN FROM ANOTHER WORLD! YOU MUST NOT BATTLE DORMAMMU!

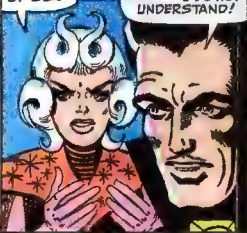
YOU WASTE YOUR BREATH! NOTHING CAN STOP ME! I MUST SAVE HUMANITY FROM THE DREADED ONE!



EVEN THOUGH I PERISH IN THE ATTEMPT, I DARE NOT FALTER! MY LIFE MEANS NOTHING!

NO! IT IS NOT ONLY OF YOU I AM THINKING! IF, BY SOME UNBELIEVABLE MIRACLE YOU SHOULD TRIUMPH, IT COULD MEAN THE END OF US!

I DO NOT UNDERSTAND!



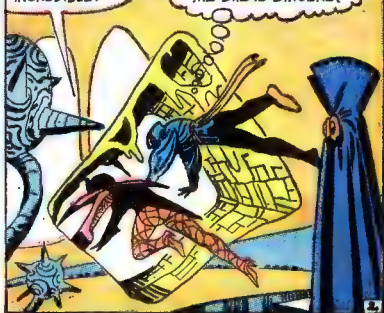
THEN YOU MUST BE SHOWN! PREPARE YOURSELF, EARTH MORTAL... PREPARE FOR SIGHTS SUCH AS NO HUMAN EYES HAVE EVER BEFORE BEHELD!

LET THE ENTRANCE APPEAR... THE ENTRANCE TO... THE BEYOND!



AND NOW, FOLLOW ME... AND BE PREPARED TO WITNESS THE INCREDIBLE!

I MUST BE VIGILANT... IT MIGHT BE A TRAP! AND YET, MY INSTINCTS TELL ME SHE IS SINCERE!



SECONDS LATER, THE EARTHBORED MASTER OF BLACK MAGIC WITNESSES SIGHTS WHICH STRAIN HIS SHOCKED SENSES TO THE BREAKING POINT!

THIS IS BUT THE **START** OF THE **EERIE** SPECTACLE YOU ARE ABOUT TO SEE...

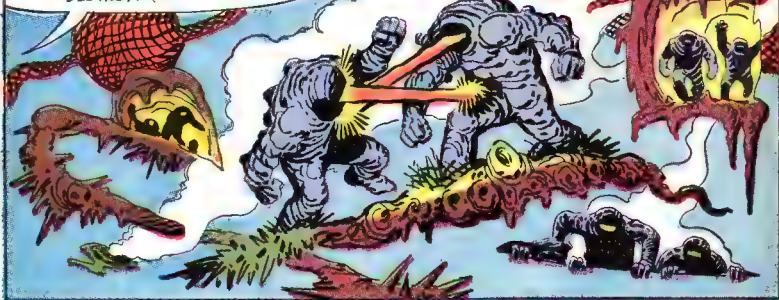


FOR, THIS IS THE OUTSKIRTS OF DORMAMMU'S DOMAIN... WHERE THE MINDLESS ONES DWELL!

THE MINDLESS ONES??!



YES! AND THERE THEY ARE... PRIMITIVE, SAVAGE, TOTALLY DEVOID OF LOVE, OR KINDNESS, OR ANY TYPE OF INTELLIGENCE! THEY LIVE ONLY TO **FIGHT**... AND TO **DESTROY**!



THEY HAVE LIVED AT THE FRINGE OF OUR DIMENSION SINCE THE BEGINNING OF TIME... EVER WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO ATTACK US... TO SLAY US ALL!



LOOK OUT! WE VENTURED TOO CLOSE! THEY HAVE **SEEN** US! QUICK... FOLLOW ME!

WHY HAVE THEY NEVER CONQUERED YOU BEFORE? WHAT HAS **STOPPED** THEM??



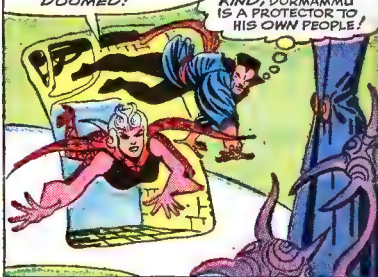
ONLY ONE THING...THIS
MYSTIC SHIELD BEHIND WHICH
WE BOTH HAVE RUN / IT IS TOO
POWERFUL... FOR THE
MINDLESS ONES TO
PENETRATE!

IT WAS CREATED BY
DORMAMMU, AGES
AGO... TO KEEP US
SAFE FROM THOSE
WHO WOULD DESTROY
US!



ONLY THE MIGHTY SPELLS
OF THE DREADED ONE CAN
KEEP THE SHIELD IN EXISTENCE!
IF ANYTHING SHOULD HAPPEN
TO HIM, THEN ALL OF US HERE
IN HIS DIMENSION ARE
DOOMED!

I KNOW THAT SHE
SPEAKS THE TRUTH!
IT IS NO TRICK!
THOUGH HE
REPRESENTS A
MENACE TO MAN-
KIND, DORMAMMU
IS A PROTECTOR TO
HIS OWN PEOPLE!

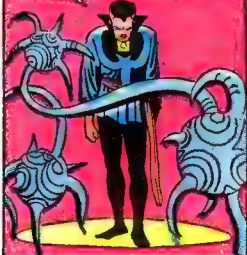


THAT IS WHY YOU MUST NOT
DEFEAT HIM! ONLY HE CAN SAVE
US FROM THE MINDLESS ONES!

YET, IF HE LIVES,
HUMANITY SHALL
ALWAYS BE IN
DANGER!

I WISH TO BRING
NO HARM TO THIS
FANTASTIC WORLD...
AND YET MY FIRST
DUTY IS TO EARTH...
AND THE ONES WHO
INHABIT IT!

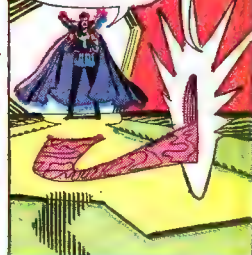
I HAVE NO
CHOICE...
I MUST
BE TRUE
TO MY
OATH!



THEN, FINALLY...

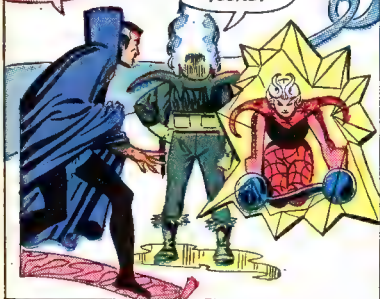
COME, MAN
OF FLESH
AND BLOOD! THE TIME IS
HERE!

DORMAMMU'S
SUMMONS! NOW,
THE DIE IS CAST!



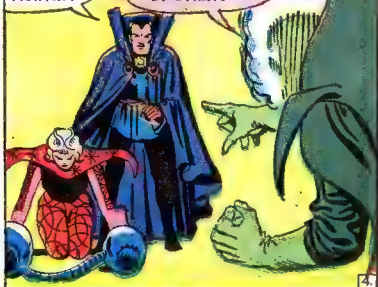
THE GIRL!
WHAT HAVE
YOU DONE
TO HER??

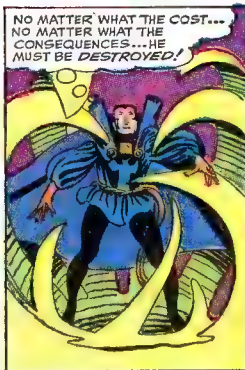
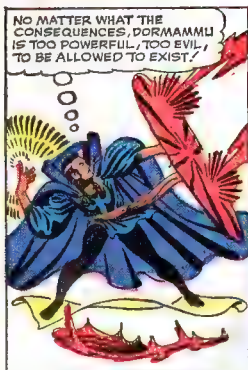
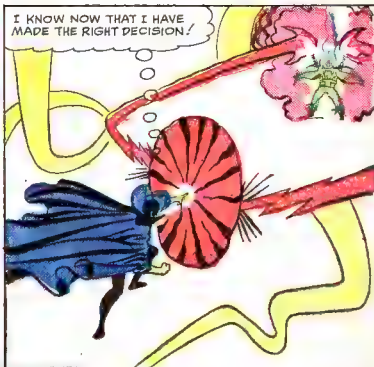
SHE KNEW THE PENALTY FOR
SPEAKING TO AN ENEMY! SHE
HAS BETRAYED ME... AND SO,
HER FATE IS NOW LINKED WITH
YOURS!



BUT... SHE
MERELY TRIED
TO HELP...!
TO CONVINCE
ME, NOT TO
FIGHT...!

SILENCE! FIRST, SHE
SHALL WITNESS YOUR
DEFEAT... THEN, SHE SHALL
BE NEXT TO DIE!
DORMAMMU HAS
SPOKEN!





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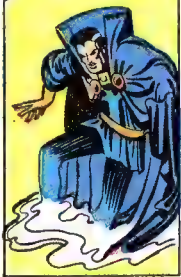
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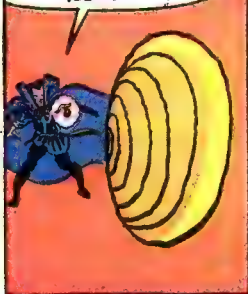
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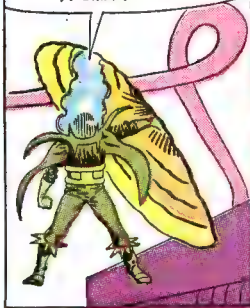
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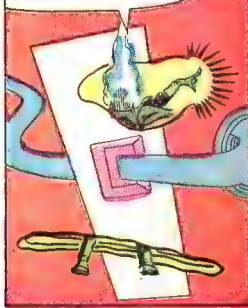
I SEE YOU ARE **SURPRISED**
TO SEE ME SHRUG OFF YOUR FATAL
SPELL! WELL, HERE IS YET
ANOTHER SURPRISE FOR
YOU...!



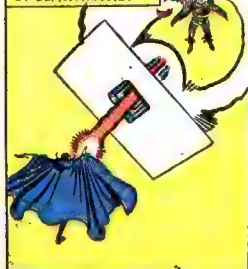
BAH! A MERE CONJURER'S
CONE! I DABBLED WITH SUCH
PUNY TRICKS WHEN I WAS BUT
A CHILD!



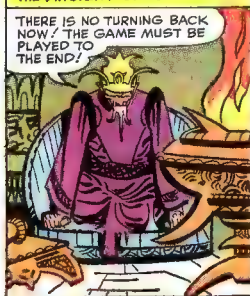
YOU **STILL** CANNOT EVEN BEGIN
TO COMPREHEND THE SCOPE AND
EXTENT OF MY ALMOST
LIMITLESS POWERS!



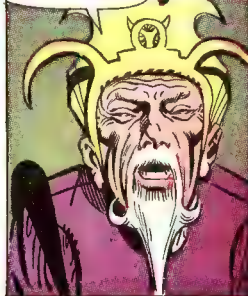
AND SO THE BATTLE RAGES... A
BATTLE BETWEEN TWO TOTALLY
ALIEN FOES... FOES WITH ONLY
ONE THING IS COMMON... AN
AWESOME MASTERY
OF THE POWERS
OF BLACK MAGIC!



WHILE, IN A SILENT RETREAT IN
TIBET, AN AGED MYSTIC OBSERVES
EVERY DETAIL OF THE FATEFUL
CONFRONTATION... FOR THIS IS...
THE **ANCIENT ONE!**



MAY THE LIGHT OF THE VISHANTI
SHINE UPON DR. STRANGE...
AND MAY THE OMNIPOTENT
OSHTUR GRANT HIM WISDOM
AND STRENGTH!

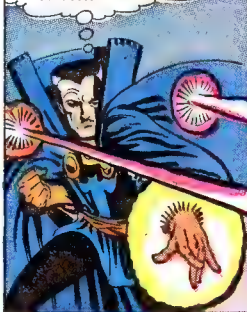


MEANWHILE...

HIS ATTACK
GROWS
EVER
STRONGER!

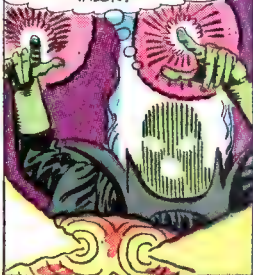


AND, TRY AS I MAY, I CANNOT
BREAK THROUGH HIS DEFENSES...
I CANNOT FIND A WAY TO
REACH HIM!

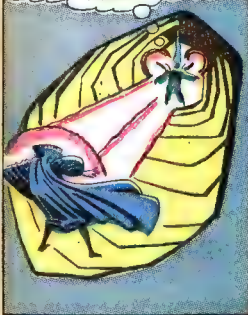


WHILE THE ALIEN BRAIN OF
DORMAMMU IS THINKING...

I AM STRONGER THAN HE...
BUT NEVER BEFORE HAVE I
SEEN SUCH COURAGE... SUCH
VALOR!



BUT, NEITHER COURAGE NOR
VALOR ALONE ARE ENOUGH TO
PREVAIL AGAINST MY SUPERIOR
MIGHT!

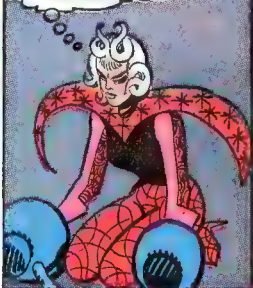


THE ULTIMATE VICTORY *MUST*
BE MINE! THERE CAN BE NO
OTHER OUTCOME! IT IS ONLY A
MATTER OF TIME!



MEANWHILE, THE HELPLESS GIRL
WATCHES, WITH FEARFUL EYES...

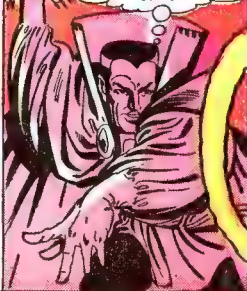
IT MATTERS NOT *WHO* SHALL
WIN! IN ANY EVENT I AM
DOOMED!



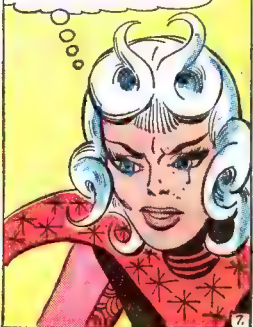
HIS POWER CONTINUES TO
INCREASE, WHILE MINE GROWS
WEAKER! WHAT MANNER OF
BEING IS HE? IS THERE
NO WAY TO DRAIN HIS
STRENGTH??



BUT, I MUST NOT
ALLOW MY MIND TO
DWELL ON THOUGHTS
OF DEFEAT! I MUST
FIGHT ON... UNTIL THE
END!



IT WILL SOON BE OVER! THE
MORTAL ONE CANNOT HOLD
OUT MUCH LONGER!



BUT, UNKNOWN TO EITHER COMBATANT, WHILE THE DREAD DORMAMMU EXERTS MORE AND MORE ENERGY TO DEFEAT HIS MORTAL FOE, HIS BARRIER SHIELD GETS PROGRESSIVELY WEAKER, AS THE MINDLESS ONES SLOWLY REALIZE...



SEEING A FEW LEADERS SHUFFLING THROUGH THE BARRIER, OTHERS SOON FOLLOW...



UNTIL A VASTE, ONRUSHING HORDE OF SAGE, RUTHLESS CREATURES SPILL OVER INTO THE DOMAIN OF THE DREAD DORMAMMU!



THE MINDLESS ONES! THEY'VE BROKEN THROUGH! NOW NOTHING MATTERS! WE ARE ALL DOOMED!



DORMAMMU HAS HALTED HIS ATTACK ON ME! WHY???

I SHALL ATTEND TO YOU LATER, EARTHLING! FOR THE MOMENT, I SEE A MORE PRESSING PROBLEM TO DISPOSE OF!



HE HAS TURNED HIS BACK TO ME! THIS IS MY CHANCE! AND YET...I CANNOT DO BATTLE IN SUCH A MANNER!

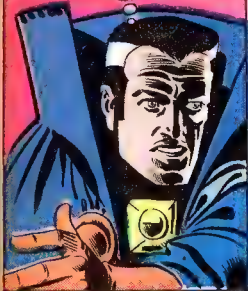
BACK, CREATURES OF THE NIGHT!!... BACK...I COMMAND YOU, BY THE SEVEN RINGS OF RAGGADORR!



MY EMERGENCY BARRIER SHIELD IS NOT STRONG ENOUGH! THEY ADVANCE TOO QUICKLY! I CANNOT HOLD THEM ALL BACK!



IF DORMAMMU IS UNABLE TO STOP THE MINDLESS ONES, THEN ALL WHO DWELL IN THIS DARK DIMENSION WILL BE **SLAIN!**



MANY ARE INNOCENT... UNDESERVING OF SUCH A FATE! THEY MUST BE SAVED!

HIS POWER MUST BE INCREASED! PERHAPS, IF I BATHE HIM IN THE LIGHT OF MY ENCHANTED AMULET...!

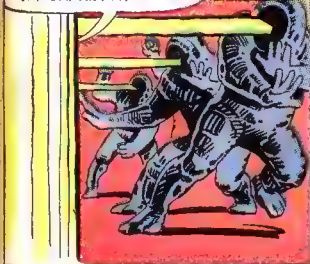


STAND STILL, DREADED ONE! LET THE POWER OF MY AMULET SEEP INTO YOU, ADDING TO YOUR OWN!



THEN, FORTIFIED BY AWESOME ENERGY FROM DR. STRANGE'S GLEAMING JEWEL, DORMAMMU FINDS HIS STRENGTH INCREASING, UNTIL...

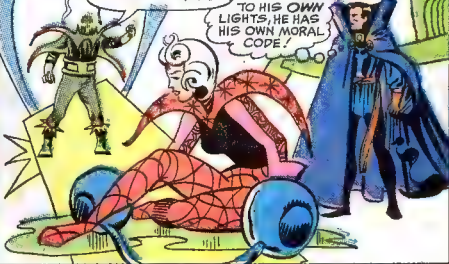
THEY CANNOT PENETRATE ANY FURTHER! IT **HOLDS!** MY BARRIER **HOLDS!**



BUT, INSTEAD OF WORDS OF GRATITUDE, DORMAMMU EXPRESSES **RAGE...!**

CURSE YOU, MORTAL! CURSE THE FACT THAT I NEEDED YOUR HELP! CURSE THE WOEFUL FATE THAT HAS PLACED ME IN YOUR DEBT! I CANNOT SLAY YOU NOW! I CANNOT DESTROY THE ONE WHO HAS SAVED ME!

IT IS AS I SUSPECTED! HE IS EVIL, TRUE... BUT ONLY BY OUR **HUMAN** STANDARDS! ACCORDING

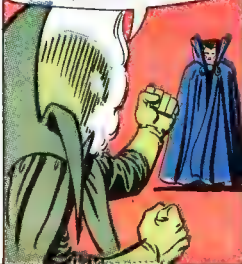


TO HIS OWN LIGHTS, HE HAS HIS OWN MORAL CODE!

TRULY, YOU **ARE** IN MY DEBT, DORMAMMU! BUT, I SHALL GO EASY ON YOU! I ASK ONLY **TWO** PROMISES... AND THEN, THE DEBT SHALL BE **PAID!** **ONE:** NO HARM MUST COME TO THIS FEMALE! **TWO:** YOU MUST VOW NEVER TO INVADE THE EARTH!



SO BE IT! EVEN THOUGH I AM YOUR SUPERIOR, YOU HAVE DONE WHAT NONE COULD DO SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL... YOU HAVE **DEFEATED** DORMAMMU! BUT, I SHALL NEVER REST UNTIL I HAVE **AVENGED** THIS INDIGNITY!



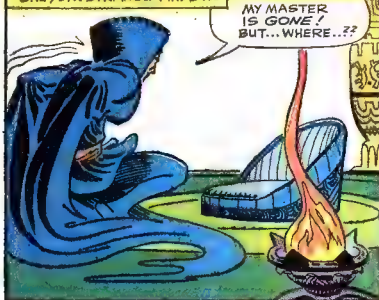
WHAT WILL BECOME OF YOU, NOW? PERHAPS THERE COULD BE A WAY TO TAKE YOU **BACK** WITH ME!?

NO, THIS IS MY WORLD! IT IS **HERE** THAT I BELONG... NO MATTER WHERE MY **HEART** SHALL BE!

GO, MAN OF MYSTERY, AND WHAT-EVER BE-FALLS, ALWAYS KNOW... I SHALL NEVER FORGET YOU!



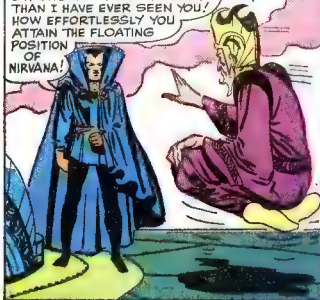
IT MIGHT BE A SECOND LATER, OR A YEAR... FOR, HOW CAN ONE MEASURE TIME IN THE MYSTIC REALM BETWEEN DIMENSIONS ?? BUT, NO MATTER WHEN IT IS, UPON REACHING THE RETREAT OF THE ANCIENT ONE, DR. STRANGE FINDS...



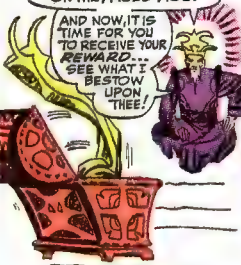
MY MASTER IS GONE! BUT... WHERE...??

HERE, MY DEVOTED DISCIPLE! HERE IS THE ONE WHOSE HEART IS FILLED WITH PRIDE AT YOUR VICTORY!

MASTER! YOU SEEM STRONGER... MORE ROBUST THAN I HAVE EVER SEEN YOU! HOW EFFORTLESSLY YOU ATTAIN THE FLOATING POSITION OF NIRVANA!



THAT IS BECAUSE OF YOUR DEED, MY SON! YOUR TRIUMPH OVER DORMAMMU HAS BROKEN THE SPELL WHICH HE HAD PLACED ON ME, AGES AGO!



AND NOW IT IS TIME FOR YOU TO RECEIVE YOUR REWARD... SEE WHAT I BESTOW UPON THEE!

FROM THIS MOMENT FORTH, YOU SHALL HAVE A NEW CAPE, AND A MORE WONDROUS AMULET!



YOU SHALL NEED NEW POWERS, FOR YOU WILL BE CALLED UPON TO PERFORM EVEN GREATER DEEDS IN THE FUTURE!

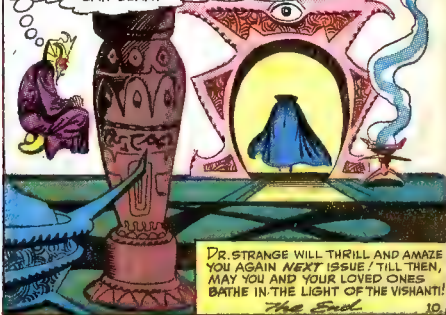
I PRAY THAT I BUT FOUND WORTHY MASTER!



YOU HAVE ALREADY BEEN FOUND WORTHY, LOYAL ONE! FOR IT IS YOU WHO SHALL REPLACE ME WHEN THE TIME COMES FOR ME TO BREATHE THE FINAL VAPORS OF VALTORR! IT IS YOU WHO SHALL ONE DAY BECOME... THE MASTER!



AND, I PRAY THAT THE AWESOME WEIGHT OF THE RESPONSIBILITY, AND THE UNIMAGINABLE LONELINESS WILL NOT BE MORE THAN HE CAN BEAR!



DR. STRANGE WILL THRILL AND AMAZE YOU AGAIN NEXT ISSUE / TILL THEN, MAY YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES BATHE IN THE LIGHT OF THE VISHANT!

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